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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2000.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Municipal Offices will be closed to public business from Wednesday, February 9, to Saturday, February 12, inclusive.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 3, 1910.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2001.

ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

THE Council is prepared to receive tenders for the supply of about 17,500 tons of SMALL LUMP OR NUT COAL, suitable for burning in mechanical stokers, during a period of one year from April 1, 1910.

Further particulars and all necessary information may be obtained upon application to the Electrical Engineer Mr. T.H.U. Aldridge, at the Electricity Works, 31, Fearon Road.

Sealed tenders must be forwarded to the undersigned not later than noon on Saturday, February 19, 1910.

By order,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 7, 1910.

AT the meeting of the Council held on Wednesday, February 2, 1910, at 4.30 p.m., there are present:

Messrs. D. Landale (*Chairman*)
H. De Gray
F. C. Heffer
W. D. Little
H. A. J. Macray
O. Meuser
W. A. C. Platt
J. Prentice
T. E. Trueman
The Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The summons calling the meeting is taken as read.

The minutes of the last meeting are read, confirmed, signed by the Chairman and passed for publication.

Volunteers.

Uniform.—A report by the Commandant is read, making proposals for the substitution of Wolseley Helmets for Colonial Hats throughout the Corps.

It is accepted as a fact that the Colonial Hat is insufficient protection during the hot weather, and the stock being low, the present is a suitable opportunity to make the desired change. The requisition is therefore approved.

Police.

Foreign Branch.—Six months' leave of absence is granted to 2nd Assistant Superintendent Martin with effect from June 6.

The promotion of M. Gibson is authorized to be Sub-Inspector with effect from February 1.

The promotion of Warder O'Neill to be 2nd Class Warder is authorized with effect from January 11.

The appointment of D. Macpherson as 3rd Class Constable is authorized with effect from January 24.

The resignation of Constable Rea is accepted with effect from March 10, the date of expiry of his agreement.

Sikh Branch.—Sikh Constables No. 90, Khem Singh, and No. 463, Sher Singh, are discharged invalided with effect from January 12 and January 18 respectively.

Sikh Constable No 95 Motah Singh is fined one month's pay for drunkenness and assault.

Lekin.

The following letter with enclosure is ordered for publication:—

Council Room,
Shanghai, January 19, 1910.

SIR,—In continuation of former correspondence on the subject of the irregular levy of lekin within Settlement limits, and particularly the Council's letter of August 13 and your reply of September 23, I have the honour to draw the attention of the Consular Body to a letter, of which I enclose a translation, appearing in the "Shenpao" of January 7. Therein it appears that the City Magistrate, foiled in his attempt to levy lekin on fuel and other shops directly by means of his own runners, has made an application to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to collect the amounts on his account. The Chamber appears to have declined the office, and to have suggested that letters be addressed to the shopkeepers in the Settlement, and that they be directed to proceed to the Native Bund, there to make payment.

From the closing phrases of the dispatch it will be observed that the Council's Notification on the subject, to which the Consular Body gave its support, is mentioned by the City Magistrate as likely to attain the object for which it was issued, and there is little doubt that this form of taxation, if ever paid at the free choice of the concerned, was tolerated because the burden upon the individual was not appreciable. The heavy increase during late years has clearly led to resistance on the part of certain shopkeepers, and, in the expectation that this will now be considerably strengthened, the City Magistrate has recourse to the assistance of the Chamber.

I have accordingly the honour to acquaint the Consular Body with these additional particulars, and trust that a further letter may be addressed to the Taotai, pointing out that all native taxation irrespective of its character from the official standpoint, or the time of its institution, or other immaterial distinctions, is irregular, and can under no circumstances be permitted in the Foreign Settlement.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,
DAVID LANDALE,
Chairman.

D. SIFFERT, Esq.,
Consul-General for Belgium,
and Senior Consul.

Letter from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce to the Nantao Branch Chamber as to the collection of Ya Tax in the Settlement, from the "Shenpao" of January 7, 1910.

To WANG I HENG, Director of the Branch Chamber of Nantao:

We are in receipt of a letter from the Shanghai City Magistrate as follows:—

"The collection of the Ya Tax in "the District of Shanghai was the "subject of instructions received from "the High Authorities of the Finan-"cial Appropriation Office in the "year 1906 (32nd year of Kuang "Hsü) directing an increase on the "basis of the Pawn Tax, amounting "to 90 per cent of the tenfold in-"crease in that tax. Thereafter in "the year 1907 the various Ya "payers having insufficient resources "to enable them to pay the tenfold "increase, petitioned to that effect "and directions were received from "the authorities to change it to a "fivefold increase. The hongs of all

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"classes paid this without demur. "But the two dealers Chang Yung-"hsing and Hsu Yuen-shun, relying "upon their residence in the Settle-"ment, did not make payment of the "taxes due for the years 1906 and "1907, though repeatedly pressed "therefor. I thereupon addressed a "request to the Mixed Court Magist-"rate to co-operate in summoning "the concerned to the Court and "examining them. The Police then "unexpectedly indicated this as an "irregular collection of taxes and did "not hand over the tax papers "to the Court, but on the con-"trary detained the collecting "runners. I then reported to His "Honour the Taotai, who gave direc-"tions to the Magistrate of Mixed "Court to transfer to the City the "woman Ku, wife of Chang, the "summonsed dealer, together with "the detained tax collector, for "examination and for pressure; "whereupon the collectors petitioned, "stating that the dealer Hsu Yuan-"shun already understood and re-"pented, and was ready to hand over, "in accordance with the documents "of collection, the amount of the Ya "Tax payable; but that Chang "Yung-hsing alone remained recal-"citrant from start to finish. They "requested that measures be taken to "arrest and deal with him. I then "addressed a letter to the Court "asking for the release of the "collectors and their return to the "city, and for the arrest and inves-"tigation of the person in question. "These proceedings are recorded.

"Now from a statement made by "the Collector Chiang Sheng, there "is contained in the newspaper of "October 6, a Notification by the "Municipal Council prohibiting "runners of lekin farmers of all "descriptions, and of all official bure-"aux, from collecting taxes in the "Settlement. As this alludes to the "Ya Tax, I reported to the Taotai "in detail requesting him to com-"municate with the Senior Consul, "to inform the Municipal Council "that it shall be collected in accord-"ance with rule. And the Taotai "observed that the Ya Tax is a "fund which is memorialised and "reported to the Board, and as it "corresponds to the land-and-poll "tribute, it cannot be compared to "other categories of miscellaneous "taxes. It has existed in every "prefecture, department and district "beginning from the reign of Tung "Chih, and not in Shanghai alone. "It has thus been collected for many "years before there was a Settlement; "and ever since there has been a "Settlement and for the last sixty "years, it has been collected in "accordance with rule; nor has "there ever been any discussion in "demur. On this occasion, never-"theless, the two dealers Chang "Yung-hsing and Hsu Yuen-shun "purposely resisted payment of their "debt, with the result that they "were to be arrested and pressed "for payment. Hence the Police "unacquainted with the real founda-"tion of the matter, regarded "it as collection of taxes, and "therein were truly in error. The "collection of the Ya Tax of "this year has now however been "commenced according to series. "The licenceable Ya Hongs in the "Settlement number altogether over "130, and since introduction of the "increase, your Chamber has col-"lected and transmitted instalments "to a very large number indeed. "But now because in the Municipal "Council's Notification allusion is "made to the Ya Tax and runners "are prohibited from going forward "for collection, it will certainly in "future be necessary to expend much "argument.

"May it be possible to request you "to collect duty payable by all "subordinate Ya Hongs in the "Settlement irrespective of their "rank, class and size, without excep-"tion, and to transmit the amount; "thus putting a stop to the agitation "of foreigners on the pretext of "action by runners."

It must be observed that this Ya Tax has never been collected by our Chamber. The letter to hand in stating that it has hitherto been collected by the Chamber and transmitted in instalments, by these words evidently indicate your Branch. Since it has hitherto collected the Ya Tax in Nantao on behalf of the concerned, we must request that in respect to the northern suburb, the management be under one hand, and that the licenceable Ya Hongs of the Settlement be invited by card to go to Nantao and there strongly exhorted to make payment. This will tend to the protection of the public and avoidance of friction.

Drainage.

Manila Road Culvert.—In accordance with the Engineer's recommendation, and with a view to completion before the summer, the Council approves proceeding with the construction of this culvert, for which a sum of Tls. 17,000 will be included in the Budget.

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Official Plans.—Draft plans of all the Districts are submitted showing the improvements which have been effected during 1909, and containing proposals for the present year. These are as follows:—

Northern District.

Defining the line of Thorne Road at 30 feet wide.

Widening the Woosung Road to 40 feet beyond Range Road.

Widening the Kashing Road to 40 feet.

Eastern District.

Widening the Dixwell Road to 50 feet beyond East Kashing Road.

Extending the Tungchow Road to the Settlement Boundary.

Improving a corner east of Lot 5360 in the Lay Road.

Deviating Extension No. 62 to avoid native houses.

Extending Lay Road through Lots 5749 and 5751 and adjoining unregistered land.

Transferring the Dalny Road, south of Yangtszepoo Road, to the western boundary of Lot 2400.

Western District.

Deviating Tatung Road through Lot 1212.

Widening Yates Road to 35 feet between Bubbling Well and Weihaiwei Roads.

Extending Bubbling Well and Yuyuen Roads to the Settlement Boundary.

Improving all corners at the junction of Sinza and Carter Roads.

Acquisition of a strip of Lot 3515, Markham Road, and improving corners on Lots 3553 and 3555.

The land on the south of the Great Western Road opposite Lots 1714/5 to be acquired for road purposes, to avoid the formation of an island between the Great Western Road and the Rue Ratard.

A new road in continuation of the Peking Road to the junction of the Avenue and Park Roads, utilizing the Pingchiao Road so far as possible.

Widening the Avenue Road to 40 feet between the Park Road and the Tszepang.

Extending the Singapore Road to the Settlement Boundary.

Dixwell Road.—In order that the extension of this road may be made use of by residents in the Eastern District the construction of a bridge over the Sawginkiang at its mouth is considered desirable. The estimated cost is Tls. 12,000, and the inclusion in the Budget of half this sum is authorized so that the work may be begun during 1910.

Yochow Road.—Payment of a sum of Tls. 250 is authorized to Messrs. Atkinson and Dallas in respect to Mow 0.38 of land scheduled for acquisition from Cadastral Lot 981 for this road.

Seymour Road.—The Council authorizes completion of the metalling of a 12-foot strip of this road from the Bubbling Well to the Sinza Road at a cost of Tls. 1,957, upon the grounds that the improvement is much needed in the public interest.

Electricity Department.

Plant.—With reference to the minute on this subject published in the Gazette of December 16, 1909 a letter from Messrs. Preece & Cardew informs the Council that the details in connexion with the supply of the two 500 K.W. Turbo Alternators, etc., have been satisfactorily arranged, and that they have accordingly, on behalf of the Council, formally accepted the tender of Messrs. James Howden & Co. for the sum of £8,838.

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Public Ricsha Service.

With reference to a letter from the Lodge Hollandia advocating the establishment of shelters during the cold weather for ricsha coolies, the Council's opinion is recorded to the effect that the chief difficulty in the way of the project is that nearly every existing thoroughfare is too narrow for the growing volume of traffic, while only by road improvements continuously carried out, can congestion and overcrowding be avoided. There is already difficulty is arranging stands for ricshas, which are necessary in order to prevent the uncontrolled wandering of these vehicles. The members are therefore convinced that if it were attempted to give effect to the humane intentions of the Lodge Hollandia in this matter, great inconvenience would be experienced in consequence, and that such shelters would doubtless be used by the large number of unemployed natives who congregate in tea-houses and native thoroughfares, and by many native loafers.

Tramway.

Track.—The Engineer reports that the Tramway Company has requested that the Boundary Road section of the track which has to be relaid, may be placed upon wooden sleepers laid crosswise instead of upon concrete, by way of an experiment. The Council raises no objection to the proposal, and permission is accordingly given, with a proviso as to subsequent withdrawal if necessary.

Trailer Cars.—The plan of a second type of trailer to be made locally is submitted and approved for 3 experimental cars, upon the condition that adequate brakes are placed therein. It is observed that the entrance to these trailers will be in the middle of the car instead of at the ends, and the Council is of opinion that this arrangement will prove generally convenient.

Gas Company Arbitration.

Referring to the Award contained in the Gazette of July 29, 1909, the following further correspondence is ordered for publication:—

Shanghai, August 3, 1909.

Dear Sirs,—We enclose three Statements: *A* showing the cost of a new gas main on the north side of the Canton Road of the same size as the existing main including all cost of connecting services, but excluding road repairs, alterations to drains, water pipes, etc., *B* showing the same if there were four-inch mains on the south side as suggested by the Gas Company, and *C* showing the cost of such four-inch mains.

You will observe that the cost of *A* exceeds the cost of *B* and *C* together. Our clients would of course prefer to have the small mains on the south side of the road, but their desire to have these is not so great that they are prepared to bear any expense in connexion with the same. Accordingly, we lay before you details of cost, as far as we can give them to you, of the two ways of doing the work. We may point out that the cost of road repairs, alteration to drains, etc., is likely to be more heavy in the case of A than in the case of B and C together, also that the work described in B and C if carried out would be more convenient in execution and result to everyone concerned, including more especially the Tramway Company, who can have no desire that a large number of services should be laid now across the double tracks, apart from any question of future repairs to these.

We shall be glad to hear from you which of the two schemes your clients prefer so that the work may be commenced as soon as possible. We should also like to know whether you can agree to the bill of costs sent you or what you wish done.

We are, dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

Platt, Teesdale & Macleod.

Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones.

A.

Cost of laying new gas main on north side of Canton Road same size as existing main on south side including cost of connecting up all services, but excluding road repairs, alteration to drains, water pipes or services, etc.

190 yards: Main. 65 pipes—Tons 13.0.0 at £7 per ton			£ 91. 0.0
708 yards: Main. 236 pipes—Tons 29.10.0 at £7 per ton			206.10.0
Fittings: Tees, Syphons, etc., 1.14.2 at £12 per ton			20.14.0
Lead for Jointing: 2,600-lb. at £15. per ton			17.12.6
Yarn for Jointing: 320-lb. at 15s. per cwt.			2. 0.0
Labour.			
Pipelayers 2694 feet at 17½ cents per foot	$471.45		
Watchmen, Carpenters and Timber	40.00		
Foreman	50.00		
	561.45		
	say	$560	
Tools: Use, repair and wastage of	151		
Coke: 3 tons at $12.00	36		
Oil Lamps and Sundries	23		
		210	
Connecting up 70 services on north side at 7/6 each			26.5.0
Connecting up 79 services on south side under single track at 35/- each			138.5.0
Connecting up 32 services on south side under double track at 65/- each			104.0.0
		$770	£606.6.6

B.

Cost of laying new main on north side if there were subsidiary four-inch mains on south side, but excluding cost of four-inch mains, all road repairs, alterations to drains, water pipes or services, etc.

190 yds. 9-in.: Mains 64 pipes—Tons 13.0.0 at £7 per ton			£ 91. 0.0
708 yds. 6-in.: Mains 236 pipes—Tons 29.10.0 at £7 per ton			206.10.0
Fittings: Tees: Syphons: 1.14.2 at £12 per ton			20.14.0
Lead for Jointing: 2,600-lb. at £15. per ton			17.12.6
Yarn for Jointing: 320-lb. at 15s. per cwt.			2. 0.0
Labour.			
Pipelayers 2694 feet at 17½ cents per foot	$471.45		
Watchmen, Carpenters and Timber	40.00		
Foreman	50.00		
	561.45		
	say	$560	
Tools: Use, repair and wastage of	121		
Coke: 3 tons at $12	36		
Oil, Lamps and Sundries	23		
		$180	
Connecting up 70 services on north side at 7/6 each			26.5.0
Connecting up 79 services on south side under single track 35/-			138.5.0
		$740	£502.6.6

C.

Cost of laying four-inch main on south side, including cost of connecting services, but excluding road repairs, alterations to drains, water pipes or services, etc.

390 yds. 4-inch Main: 130 pipes—Tons 10.4.0 at £7 per ton			£71. 8.0
Fittings: one Syphon			6.0
Jointing: 560-lb. lead at £15			3.15.0
" cwt. yarn at 16/- per cwt.			8.0
Labour.			
Pipelayers 1170 feet at 5 cents per foot	$58.50		
Watchmen, etc.	7.50		
Foreman	10.00		
		$76	
Tools: Use, repair and wastage of	$21.00		
Coke	6.00		
Oil Lamps & Sundries	3.00		
		30	
Connecting up 32 services at 7s. 6d.			12.0.0
Total cost		$106	£87.17.0

Council Room,

Shanghai, October 6, 1909.

Sir,—With reference to the proposals which have been made as to the gas main in the Canton Road, under the award of Mr. Bourne, I am directed to draw your attention to the correspondence published in the Municipal Gazette of September 16 under the heading "Tramways," wherein you may observe that a proposal is on foot for the removal of the tramway from this thoroughfare.

Under these circumstances I am directed to ask that your Company may be good enough to allow the matter of the gas main to remain in abeyance for the present and until the question of the tramway line is settled at the projected Autumn Ratepayers' Meeting.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. Leveson,

Secretary.

G. R. Wingrove, Esq.,

Secretary,

Shanghai Gas Co., Ld.

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Shanghai, October 16, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—I a instructed by my Directors to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 6th instant, and to state that, as the removal of the tramway track cannot affect the question of costs, which is still outstanding, this question had, perhaps, better be dealt with at once instead of being left to form part of a general settlement.

In the next place, the Council has given no definite indication of the date on which the proposed Meeting would be held, nor of what time would elapse after such Meeting before the track would be removed, if removal is decided on. My Director also wish to know what course the Council proposes to pursue in the event of there being no removal of the tramway track. I am instructed to ask you therefore whether the Council can give an undertaking that:—

(1). The tramway track will be removed by a certain date and that the Council make good the damage (if any) which the Company may sustain or be held liable for by reason of the position of the track pending such removal.

(2). If the track is not removed by such date, the Council will issue to this Company permits for the laying of a new main on the north side of the Canton Road and subsidiary mains on the south side, and will pay to this Company the cost of the necessary materials and work.

Perhaps it would be possible to agree on a definite amount to cover such materials and work.

Such an arrangement would enable my Directors to agree to the Council's proposal, and would also determine the question of the Canton Road once and for all as between this Company and the Council.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GEO. R. WINGROVE,

Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, November 26, 1909.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to your letter of October 6 last on this matter, I am instructed by my Directors to write you pointing out that in your letter you made a request that this matter should remain in abeyance, that on October 16 I wrote you informing you of the conditions on which my Directors would accede to that request and I have had no reply to that letter.

I am directed to ask you to send me an answer as soon as possible.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

GEO R. WINGROVE,

Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, December 18, 1909.

SIR,—Having reference to the letter of Messrs. Platt, Teesdale and Macleod to Messrs. Hanson, McNeill and Jones of August 3, and to your letters of October 16 and November 26, I am now directed to state that the negotiations which were to have led to a Special Meeting of Ratepayers are not at present sufficiently advanced to warrant the expectation that any final understanding with the Tramway Company will eventuate in the immediate future.

At the same time it is probable that the removal of the tramway track from the Canton Road will be arranged in due course, and I am therefore to suggest, in reply to the paragraph in your letter of October 16 numbered 1, that your Company accept the date of the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers of 1911 as the date by which such removal shall be effected, the Council on its part undertaking to reimburse you for any damage which your Company sustains or is held liable for until that date.

In reply to the paragraph numbered 2, the Council will agree that if the track is not removed by that date, or if before that date it is decided that it shall not be removed, the laying of a new main on the north side of the road shall proceed at the Council's cost.

In the matter of the amount to be paid, I have to refer to the first of the three letters now under reply. The Council has noted the alternative proposals therein made, and accepts that lettered "A," it being understood that payment will be made for the connexions on the south side only if actually carried out.

I am to express the hope that this arrangement will prove satisfactory to your Company.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

G. R. WINGROVE, Esq.,

Secretary,

Shanghai Gas Co., Ld.

Shanghai, January 12, 1910.

DEAR SIR,—I have to thank you for your letter of December 18 last. My Directors are prepared to meet the Council in any reasonable way within their power and therefore will agree to wait until the date you mention, namely, that of the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers of 1911, on the following conditions:—

1.—That the Council undertakes that either—

(*a*) The tramway track in the Canton Road will be removed by the date of the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers of 1911, or

(*b*) The Council will issue permits to the Gas Company for the laying of the new main on the north side of the Canton Road and, if the Gas Company shall so decide, for the subsidiary mains on the South side thereof shown on the plan exhibited in the second arbitration and will pay to the Gas Company the sums of £606 6.6 and $770 and also will pay or bear the cost of all reinstatement of roads and footpaths and alterations to drains and to the pipes and services of the Waterworks Company, it being understood that in the event of the subsidiary mains being laid on the south side of the Canton Road, the Municipal Council shall not be called upon to pay the cost of connecti g up the 32 services under the double track scheduled at 65/- each=£104 but only the cost of connecting these 32 services to the subsidiary mains.

2.—That the Council undertakes to reimburse the Gas Company for any damage which the Company sustains or is held liable for in respect of any injury to the property of the Gas Company or of others happening prior to the removal of the tramway track or the completion of the alterations aforesaid.

3.—That the Council will pay to the Gas Company at once the sum of $475 for half the costs of the last arbitration.

With regard to paragraph 3, the bill of costs submitted bp Messrs. Platt, Teesdale & Macleod to the Council's solicitors amounted to $1,175 and Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones wished to reduce that figure to $700; the amount we have named is one-half of the mean between these two.

I am directed to ask you to inform me as soon as possible whether the Council accepts these terms.

Yours faithfully,

GEO. R. WINGROVE,

Secretary.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary. Municipal Council.

Council Room,

Shanghai, February 3, 1910.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt or your letter of January 12, and to accept the conditions therein contained as to the Company's main in the Canton Road.

In accordance with Condition No. 3 I enclose a compradore order for $475.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

G. R. WINGROVE, Esq.,

Secretary, Shanghai Gas Co. Ld.

Paulun Hospital.

A letter from the Committee controlling this Institution submits the accounts for the past year, and expresses the desire that the Municipal Grant in aid of the Hospital be fixed at Tls. 1,000 for 1910. This proposal is unanimously endorsed.

Shanghai, January 29, 1910.

SIR,—With reference to the negotiations of last summer (vide Municipal Gazette July 29,1909) the undersigned members of the Paulun Hospital Committee beg to repeat their application to the Council for an annual grant of Tls. 1,000 in aid of the Hospital.

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We beg to enclose herewith a list of the Committee and accounts for 1909 showing a debit balance of $853.91 on working expenses.

The Hospital established in 1900 by the late Dr. Paulun with the assistance of foreign and Chinese friends has a large patronage amongst the poorer Chinese classes of the Settlement.

As the Hospital has hitherto been a private undertaking no reports have been published; but this will be done hereafter on the lines adopted by the other local Hospitals.

In 1909 3,270 Chinese out-patients have been attended to in the Hospital, free of charge; besides 766 in-patients have been treated and 189 surgical operations been made.

We trust that the above data will be sufficient on this occasion and thanking the Council in anticipation for financial support, which we need not assure you is badly required.

We have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Dr. PAUL KRIEG.
Dr. R. GERNGROSS.
R. SCHIRMER.
OTTO STRUCKMEYER.

D. LANDALE, Esq.,
Chairman, Municipal Council.

WORKING ACCOUNT.

Receipts.		Dr.
To Balance ex 1908		$645.40
„ Donations from foreigners	$850.73	
„ Donations from Chinese	435.00	
		1,285.73
„ Receipts at Hospital from patients... ...		1,982.87
„ Interest ... ... 1 Sem.	14.50	
2 „	11.83	
		26.33
„ Loss or working a/c ...		853.91
		$4,794.24

Expenditure.		Cr.
By Instruments and drugs bought locally ...		$1,067.80
„ Instruments and drugs imported...		762.88
„ Furnishing, repairs, etc.		423.90
„ Taxes		161.83
„ Fire insurance		1 26.02
„ Telephone		73.04
„ Expenses at Hospital:		
Salaries and cumshas	$665.40	
In-patients' food ...	594.70	
Bandages, cotton, etc.	146.93	
Soap, lamp oil, washing	72.73	
Light (gas $278.29, electric $114.23)	392.52	
Water	153.60	
Miscellaneous ...	152.89	
		2,178.77
		$4,794.24

Shanghai, December 31, 1909.

Dr. R. GERNGROSS.

O. STRUCKMEYER,
Hon. Treasurer.

BALANCE SHEET.

Liabilities.

1909 31/12 Donation from Mrs. C. M. McBain for one bed $1,000 at 73.8...	$1,355.01
	$1,355.01

Assets.

By Loss on working account ...	$853.91
„ Actual balance with Bank (D.A.B.)	501.10
	$1,355.01

Shanghai, December 31, 1909.

Audited and found correct,
Dr. PAUL KRIEG.

Dr. R. GERNGROSS. O. STRUCKMEYER,
Hon. Treasurer

Council Room,
Shanghai, February 3, 1910.

SIR,—In reply to the letter of January 29 from yourself and others, the controlling committee of the Paulun Hospital, I am directed to state that the Council has decided, in accordance with your request, to insert provision in the forthcoming Budget to the extent of Tls. 1,000 as a Grant towards the maintenance of this Institution.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Dr. PAUL KRIEG,
Paulun Hospital.

Public School for Chinese.

School Certificates.—Certificates of having completed the curriculum and passed the sixth form examination are authorized for issue to :—

Shou Pin (壽林)
Wang Cheng-mei (汪成美)
Yu Jung-po (尤榮伯)

Municipal Employes' Club.

A letter from the Secretary of this newly formed institution is read, to the effect that the Committee desires to occupy premises at No. 34 Whangpoo Road, at a rental of Tls. 60 per mensem. The Council authorizes provision for this purpose in the Budget for 1910.

China New Year.

The holidays in connexion with this festival begin on Wednesday next, and it is decided, unless urgent occasion arises, that the usual meeting of Council be not held on that day.

The meeting adjourns at 6 p.m.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, Feb. 6, 1910.	Death among Chinese population of 550,000	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 15,000.
Small-pox.	2	0
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever	—	0
Diphtheria.	4	2
Scarlet Fever.	8	0
Tuberculosis	17	0
Plague	0	0
Total Deaths from all Causes	127	4

ARTHUR STANLEY,
Health Officer.

Public Band.

The weekly performances of dance music at the Town Hall on Tuesday afternoons will be discontinued forthwith.

The attendance on Sunday, February 6, numbered 773 and the Hall was emptied in 3 minutes.

The programme for Sunday, February 13, at 4.30 p.m., is as follows:—

1. Overture—"Figaro"..... Mozart
2. (*a*) Minuet, from Symphony No. 39..... Mozart
   (*b*) Andante, from Symphony No. 6 ..... Haydn
3. (*a*) "Musette," for two Clarionets and two Bassoons Sibelius
   (*b*) Madrigal, from "The Mikado" Sullivan
   (*c*) "Country Dance"..... Cowen
4. Overture—"Bandits' Jests"... Suppé
5. Duet for Oboe and Clarionet... Hamm
   Messrs. Plemenik and Schrader
6. Selection—"Die Fledermaus"... Strauss

Conductor-in-charge, Mr. R. BUCK.

Engineer's Report for January.

The new building at the Electricity Works, comprising the Battery Rooms, Godown, etc., is now practically completed and the electric lift is being erected. The Sinza Fire Station is progressing steadily, the roof being completed. The plastering is well advanced and a portion of the wooden floors has been laid.

The lighting of Yangtzepoo Road has been improved by the erection, this month, of twenty-nine metallic filament lamps.

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The Tramway Company has commenced the work of laying extra drain boxes along their rails wherever they are low and water collects in wet weather. The whole of the track is to be treated in this way and it is hoped the work will soon be completed.

The cold weather has been responsible for several bursts in the mains of the Waterworks Company and the water escaping under pressure has resulted in the formation of cavities under the roads. In one case a small subsidence in the road was opened up and a cavity 18-ft. × 5½-ft. × 3-ft., in the vicinity of the tramway track, was disclosed. The possibilities of danger from such cavities can easily be imagined and serve to illustrate the peculiarly treacherous nature of the subsoil on which we live.

Public Lighting.—Two new G.E.C. lamps have been erected in Sungkiang Road, and enclosed arc lamps have been erected as follows:—

Siking Road..... 1 lamp.
Hankow Road ..... 3 lamps.

Thirty-four new metallic filaments have been erected in the following roads:—

Yangtszepoo Road	29 lamps.
Chaoufoong Road	1 ,,
Dent Road	2 ,,
Yuenfong Road	2 ,,
	34 lamps.

Twenty-seven gas lamps have been removed from Broadway and Yangtszepoo, Chaoufoong, Dent and Yuenfong Roads.

Works in Progress.—Sinza Fire Station, Avenue Road. New Workshops at the Gaol. Alterations and additions to 2nd Assistant Health Officer's Quarters at Isolation Hospital. New Latrine, Rangoon Road. Battery Room, Godown, etc., at Electricity Works, Fearon Road.

Replacing chip-paving by bricking and metalling in Peking Road from Koo Ka Loong to Chili Road and west of Shantung Road. Sewering and making up Myburgh Road from Bubbling Well Road to Burkill Road. Sewering and making up Kuling Road from Park Road to West Thibet Road. Bricking and metalling 12-ft. strip in Great Western Road from Mohawk Road to Manila Road. Chip-paving Hoopeh Road from Nanking Road to Canton Road. Laying 3-ft. dia. culvert and widening Gordon Road from Avenue Road to Bubbling Well Road.

Concrete bunding North Soochow Road opposite Kansuh Road. Dixwell Road Extension north of East Kashing Road. Raising Alcock Road between Kwenming Road and Tongshan Road. Laying 4-ft. dia. culvert at junction of Alcock and Tongshan Roads. Extending 2-ft. 3-in. by 1-ft. 6-in. culvert in Alcock Road at junction of Kwenming Road.

Works Finally Completed.—Alterations and extensions to Finance Department Buildings.

Reinforced concrete bunding along the Soochow Creek, east of Fokien Road. Reinforced concrete jetty east of Fokien Road. Culverting ditch in Yates Road south of Weihaiwei Road. Repairing bunding in Seymour Road.

Plans Completed.—Footbridge at Electricity Works. Bund Improvement Scheme.

Cleansing.—One hundred and eighty-three cartloads of garbage, 1,137 cartloads of ashes, 3,122 cartloads of road detritus, and 2,355 cartloads of gully deposit were collected during the month.

Quarry.—2,549 tons of road materials have been received during the month from the Quarry. 1,203 tons were dispatched from the Quarry for account of the French Council during December, the January returns have not yet come to hand.

Concreteware.—The following concreteware has been made at the Range Road Depôt during the month:—

Machine made	60 pieces
Hand made	92 ,,
Total...	152 pieces

New Buildings.—Summary of work done during the month.

Description of Work	*Total*
Buildings under construction	142
Plans submitted for approval	25
Plans approved	19
Inspections by Inspectors	1,281
Permits for Carpenters sheds, etc.	21
,, ,, Boundary Walls	1
,, ,, Repairs to Buildings	56
,, ,, New Shop Fronts	20
,, ,, Painting	186
,, ,, Alterations	25
,, ,, Erecting Fences	17
,, ,, Signboards	286
,, ,, Erecting Drying Stages	1
,, ,, Sunshades	22
Dangerous Building Notices served	11
Summonses	—
Encroachments reported and rectified	—

Dangerous Structures.

Notices as to Dangerous Structures received from the public	—
Notices from other Departments	—
Dangerous Structures reported by P.W.D.	8
First Intimation Notices issued	8
Second ,, ,, ,,	3
Total	11

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended	62
Cadastral certificates issued	50
Consular lots surveyed	12
Surveys made in connexion with road widenings and/or extensions	31
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads or waterways which are or may in the future be of use to the public	27

M.C.R. Stones have been erected as follows:—

Western District 6 stones

Labour.—The average number of labourers employed during the month exclusive of contract work, has been 1,608 as compared with 1,623 during January, 1909.

CHAS H. GODFREY,
Engineer & Surveyor.

Departmental Report by the Superintendent of Parks and Open Spaces to the Municipal Engineer for December, 1909.

The chief occupation during the month has been the planting of trees on various roads, the completion of the alterations at Bubbling Well Carriage Turn and formation of two new beds in Hongkew Recreation Ground.

Reserve Garden.—During the Christmas season the houses contained a profusion of flowers, a total of 465 plants in flower, the most noticeable being moschosma riparinum and poinsettias both red and white. Other plants in flower were cattleys, laelia autumnalis, cypripedium, begonia frobelii, aphelandra aurantica, peristrophe speciosa, narcissus paper white, narcissus chinensis and Roman hyacinth.

Public Gardens.—The planting of the spring flowering bulbs was completed, 2,218 tulips, 500 hyacinths were planted. The majority of the beds were mulched with manure and straw as a protection was tied round various tender plants.

Hongew Recreation Ground.—Two shrub-beds were planted on either side of the Public School pavilion, one with pillar roses and gardenias, the interspaces with peaonia montan, peaonia albiflora and lilium longiflorum—thus providing a succession of flowers over the greater part of the summer. The second was planted with osmanthus fragans alternately with peaonias. To open up the view in front of the Golf pavilion a shrub-bed was removed, the ground levelled and prepared for the laying out of a small flower garden. Eight large trees which had to be removed from various roads were planted here.

Bulbs were planted out as follows:—

Reserve Garden	910	Early Tulips
	800	May flowering Tulips
Public Recreation Ground	320	Tulips
	131	Narcissus
Quinsan Square	320	Hyacinths
	370	Tulips
Hongkew Recreation Ground	3,000	Narcissus
	500	Assorted
Municipal Hospital	570	Narcissus
	150	Hyacinths
Nursing Home	200	Hyacinths
	648	Narcissus
Council Compound	300	Hyacinths

Trees on Roads.—A commencement was made to the pruning of the young trees. A number of decayed trees were cut down on Yangtszepoo Road. 13 new trees were planted, 67 were stake and 381 refastened. 60 new shrubs were planted at the Bubbling Well carriage Turn.

D. MACGREGOR,
Superintendent.

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